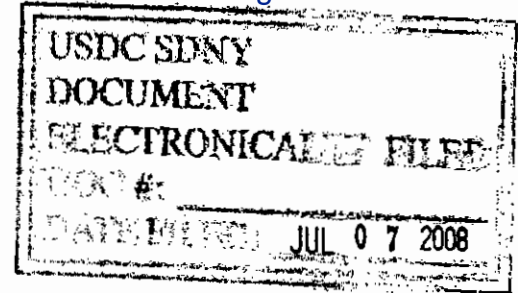


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Christopher Lopez,

Plaintiff(s),

-v-

Verizon New York Inc.,

Defendant(s).

**ORDER OF REFERENCE
TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

08 Civ. 5589 (LTS)(DCF)

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, District Judge

The above entitled action is referred to the designated Magistrate Judge for the following purpose(s):

 X General Pretrial (includes scheduling, discovery, non-dispositive pretrial motions, and settlement)

 Specific Non-Dispositive Motion/Dispute:*

If referral is for discovery disputes when the District Judge is unavailable, the time period of the referral: _____

 Settlement* (Principals to participate as required by Magistrate Judge)

 Inquest After Default/Damages Hearing

 Consent under 28 U.S.C. §636(c) for all purposes (including trial)

 Consent under 28 U.S.C. §636(c) for limited purpose (e.g., dispositive motion, preliminary injunction)

Purpose: _____

 Habeas Corpus

 Social Security

 Dispositive Motion (i.e., motion requiring a Report and Recommendation)

Particular Motion: _____

All such motions: _____

* Do not check if already referred for general pretrial.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: New York, New York
July 7, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Taylor Swain".

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
United States District Judge